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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Agent File No.: 15680-1us PTN/df**

**Applicant:** Fabien LAVOIE  
**Serial No.:** 10/731,110  
**Filed:** December 10, 2003  
**Title:** LOAD-CARRYING APPARATUS  
**Examiner:** Charles N. Greenhut  
**Group Art Unit:** 3652

**RESPONSE TO NONFINAL OFFICE ACTION**

**Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
U.S.A.**

**Sir:**

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the Office Action issued on October 19, 2005.  
Kindly amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

The title of the application is changed to:  
"APPARATUS FOR CARRYING LOADS ON INCLINED SURFACES".

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 1, 2, 13 and 16 are herein amended.